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In Appomattox County

Schools open Aug. 27

Appomattox County Public Schools will open on August 27 for the 1984-85 session.

Information on student fees, registration and opening day procedures is provided to assist parents and students in their plans for another school session.

Student Fees: Schools will accept fees from parents on August 24. Only Appomattox County High School will receive fees on August 23 and 24. Fees approved by the Appomattox County School Board are as follows:

Appomattox County High School: Textbook rental, $4.50 per subject; accident insurance, $7.75; S.C.A., $2.00; class fees, $2.00; library and supply fee, $2.00; agriculture, $7.50; art, $2.00; auto mechanics, $7.50; band instrument rental, $10.00; computer fee, $20.00; distributive education, $7.50; drafting, $7.50; electricity and electronics, $7.50; home economics, $7.50; physical education, $2.00; towel service, $3.50; gym suit, $9.50; lock, $3.50; typing supplies, $5.00; accounting papers, $9.50; chemistry workbook, $6.00; English workbook, grade 9, $3.00; physics workbook, $11.00; supervision and management working papers, $5.50.

Primary and Elementary Schools: Textbook rental, $20.00; instruction fees, $6.00 (A.E.S., $5.00); Weekly Reader, $2.00; accident insurance, $7.75.

Appomattox Middle School: Textbook rental, $20.00; materials fee, $5.00; accident insurance, $7.75; art, grade 7, $1.50; art, grade 6, $3.00; S.C.A., $1.00; F.T.A., grade 7, $4.50; F.T.A., grade 8, $6.00; F.H.A., $7.00; towel service, $3.50; band supply, $4.00; physical education uniforms, $9.50.

Don Armentrout, Appomattox County High School principal, requests students to check the local paper for homeroom assignments. On August 27, students should report to the cafeteria. Guides will be available to assist students. Homeroom teachers will provide students with their schedules.

Students who drive to school should park in the north parking lot.

According to Mrs. Hesteine Foster, Appomattox Middle School principal, students should go to the cafeteria upon arrival at school on August 27. S.C.A. members will serve as guides to help students locate homerooms. Homeroom rolls will be posted on classroom doors. Students will receive their class schedules from their homeroom teachers.

On August 24, eight grade students will conduct guided tours of the school building for seventh graders between 6:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Students should pay their fees on this date and pick up class schedules and homeroom assignments.

The principal of Appomattox Elementary School, Mr. Tom Bowmann, has arranged for students, upon arrival at the elementary school, to be greeted by teachers, parent volunteers, and student guides. These persons will place a name tag on each third grade student with the number of the student's bus. They will also direct each student to his respective homeroom. Class rolls will be posted on the doors of homeroom teachers.

Mrs. Shirley Eye, Appomattox Primary School principal, states that teachers, aides, and parent volunteers will meet students as they arrive on buses, pin the bus number on each student, and direct students to their respective classrooms. Parents are requested to attach the name of their child on his clothing to help with identification.

Other Information: Parents are requested to send their children to school on the bus the first day, especially primary and elementary pupils. This will enable teachers to direct pupils to the correct bus in the afternoon for the return trip home.

Parents who have moved into the county during the summer who have children who will attend school this fall should go to the appropriate school or schools to register. The schools in the county and telephone numbers are: Appomattox County High School (352-7146); Appomattox Middle School (352-8257); Appomattox Elementary School (352-7463), and Appomattox Primary School (352-5766).

A CAR DRIVEN BY A RADFORD, VA. resident, began to change lanes on highway 460 in front of H.H. Moore Trucking last Thursday. The driver failed to see a second vehicle approaching until the last minute, lost control of the car, smashed through a fence, damaged a parked car owned by Moore. Although the car driven by the Radford resident did not make contact with the second vehicle, both cars were damaged in the accident. (Photo by Bill Sherred)

Board okays conduct plan

The Appomattox County School Board approved a comprehensive plan for conduct, safety and disicipline on Appomattox County school buses at the regular meeting on Wednesday evening of last week.

A document entitled, "Standards of Conduct For Students Riding School Buses," contains eight standards and procedures to implement these standards. Also included is a bus contract which parents will be requested to sign and return to the school at the beginning of the school session to verify that they received a copy of the standards.

The close conduct of 40 to 50 children in a school bus, with transportation as the only purpose, requires the child to function with great personal responsibility and maturity. Therefore, all students [illegible] the standard set forth. It is the responsibility of the driver to put forth an effort to maintain discipline on the bus. If assistance is needed, it is the driver's responsibility to make a written referral to the principal.

It was pointed out that riding a school bus is a privilege and that those students who fail to meet the conduct standards and create a safety hazard must be removed from the bus.

In other business the board accepted the low bids submitted by Westover Dairy on dairy products for the school cafeterias for the 1984-85 session.

Lloyd Walton, superintendent of the Appomattox County School Division, reported to the board that plans are progressing for the electronic classroom at Appomattox County High School. Advanced placement calculus and advanced placement English and composition will be offered. These courses will be taught at Varina High School and transmitted to various school divisions through Central Virginia Educational Television. The classes are scheduled to begin around the middle of October.

The board approved the price of school lunches for the 1984-85 session at 70 cents for grades K-6, 75 cents for grades 7 through 12 and 40 cents for reduced price lunches for all grades. The prices approved are the same as the 1983-84 session prices.

'Lake' rumors not true

A rumor that Holiday Lake has been closed recently is false, according to Willie Bowen, park superintendent.

Bowen said that he has received numerous inquiries as to when the park will re-open. "We haven't been closed, and we won't close until the end of the season, which is 8 p.m. on Labor Day," he said.

The rumor apparently was spawned by two false stories that have circulated through Appomattox County.

"Some people have called me asking if it is true that the lake is closed because of snake infestation, and others have said they heard the lake was closed because people were contracting herpes from swimming in the lake. Both of these rumors are totally false," Bowen said.

He noted that the snake rumor was started when a small, harmless, non-poisonous water snake was seen [illegible]

James A. Smith, Appomattox County Extension Agent, notes that "there are no poisonous water snakes in Appomattox County. The only poisonous snake indiginous to Appomattox is the copperhead, a highlands reptile which does not go in the water. Occasionally, Smith added, a rattlesnake will be found in the northwestern part of the county along the James River.

As for the herpes rumor, Dr. A.A. Fratrick of the Appomattox Family Practice Center notes that "you can't contract herpes from swimming in a lake." Herpes is a virus, and it is transmitted by intimate [illegible]

"The lake is in good condition, and we'll be open until Labor Day," Bowen said. "Our period of operation is Memorial Day to Labor Day, and we have not been closed this summer, nor do we have plans to close before Labor Day," he concluded.

Smith's plan is approved

Appomattox Town Council approved a request from Dr. Larry A. Smith for a zoning change in the property located on 460 east of the Town of Appomattox, formerly known as Fred's Mini-Mart.

Smith appeared before the council at the July meeting seeking the change. He recently purchased the property and plans to completely remodel the existing facility. The firm of Garland M. Gay and Associates has been engaged to plan the convenience food store and snack bar.

Tentative plans call for the businesses to open in the fall.

"I would like to thank Town Manager Bill Britton, Harold Nash, the Planning Commission and the Appomattox Town Council for their guidance and assistance," said Smith.

In other business Samuel E. Carter was reappointed to the Central Virginia Planning District Commission and Sam Waddell was reappointed to the Appomattox Planning Commission.

Roush appointed here

Donna Roush
New D.E. Coordinator

Donna L. Roush of Burke, Va. has been appointed by the Appomattox County School Board to the position as coordinator of Marketing and Distributive Education at Appomattox County High School.

She will replace Mr. John McHale, who resigned to take a management job with McGraw Hill Publishing Company.

Ms. Roush is a 1984 graduate with a major in marketing education from VPI & SU.

While attending VPI & SU Donna was a member of Delta Sigma Pi (Professional Business Fraternity) where she served as senior vice president and chairman of the Community Service Committee. She, also, was a member of Distributive Education Clubs of America, Virginia Vocational Association, American Vocational Association, Virginia Tech Techniques (dance troup) and the Residence Hall Federation.

In addition to her active extra curricular activities, Donna was a dean's list student for three quarters. Her student teaching was done at the Blacksburg High School under the supervision of Melinda Cox, coordinator of Marketing and Distributive Education.

"We are most pleased to have a person of her training and experience to join our teaching staff," states Richard B. Carter, director of Vocational Education in Appomattox County. "Our program in marketing and distributive education has become excellent over the past few years and we look forward to a most effective program under Ms. Roush's leadership," continues Mr. Carter.

"I am most happy to be appointed as the MDE coordinator here in Appomattox. I have heard many good reports and comments about the program and look forward to working with the faculty, students and business people in the community," is how Donna describes her position.

Donna is quite busy getting acquainted with her new duties. She is making contact with the students who are in job training situations and getting to know the supervisors of each student. Persons who desire to get in contact with Donna Roush should call the MDE office at 352-5317.

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Father Darkleaf

By CALVIN ROBINSON

Rain has been the order of the day, and night, lately. Pretty general and in some places the rivers and lakes just wouldn't hold any more. I went wading in my little garden and plucked the first flowers, other than sunflowers. A red and pink zinnia. Very appropriate, for the zinnia is one of the most dependable of plants. Lots of insects, too. A freiend said that a hornet followed him across town. I warned that most insects go in pairs, so watch out. Tomatoes are in and crape myrtle in bloom. Started making out a trial order list from the first fall bulb catalogs.

With vacations about over, next is the business of getting ready for football. Most everyone watched the Olympic Games on TV. Believe the final tally for the USA was 84 in '84 (eighty-four gold medals in 1984). I rhymed it off: "Bronze, silver, gold; mostly New World over Old. Runners, swimmers, even walkers; Cassell winning with the talking."

This is written on Monday, the thirteenth. Unlucky for a large dog I saw laying in the middle of N. Court Street, apparently hit by a passing car.

At the moment my favorite baseball team, the New York Yankees, are doing very well. I had been about to suggest the sign up Gary Coleman (Arnold, on the TV show "Different Strokes") as Designated Hitter. Base on balls every time. If the Umpire called a strike, we would hear Arnold say "What you talking about, Mr. Ump?"

Have not seen the ACHS Raider football schedule. If you see one, send me a copy. Best of luck. Time for football to command sports headlines and we are rooting for Virginia state teams.

Big issue down Farmville way. The citizens and/or courts may decide whether to remain a Town or become a City? Appomattox will have to wait a bit to face that issue.

As predicted, Liberty Baptist Church had a big day Sunday. Sesquicentennial. I dropped by to speak to several friends, including former pastors.

Tried out some finely ground corn for my bird feeder. The birds liked it. They actually formed a waiting line on the porch railing!

All my life I have liked to watch the stars. But in recent years the skies have been fogged up with pollution and such. However Saturday night I saw ONE star blinking feebly. So, the stars are still around us, maybe even watching us.

Hurrah for Petersburg, Va. Came up with an Olympic Gold Medal winner. And thanks to the Olympics for bringing the world a bit closer together. We needed that. Thanks for reading and seeya around.

GORDON STAPLES of Evergreen donated his 20th unit of blood at the last visit of the Bloodmobile to [illegible] County. Staples plans to donate again when the Bloodmobile visits Tuesday, Aug. 21 from noon to 6 p.m. "God has blessed me in so many ways. One of the ways is with good health. I thank God that I am able to give blood to help my fellowman. In working with the Appomattox County Volunteer Rescue Squad I have some understanding why it is so important for people to donate a unit of blood as often as possible. With the number of people in Appomattox County able to give blood, there shouldn't be any problem going over the goal if the people would just take the time to give," says Staples, member of the squad for 23 years.